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A Three (3) month Extension of Time, from January 4, 2008 to and including April 4, 2008, is requested to file a response to the Office Action mailed on October 4, 2008. In view of the small entity status of Applicant, please find enclosed a credit card payment form covering the small entity extension fee of \$525.00.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments that may be required to our Deposit Account No. 03-1721.

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